REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

In the Specification:

Applicants have amended the Abstract of the Specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 through 24 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, and 22 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from Claims 1, 13, and 22. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 21, and 22. Applicant has cancelled claims 9, 19 and 24.

Objections in the Claims:

Claims 4, 9, 15, 19 and 22 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended these claims to correct the informalities.

Rejections to the Claims:

Claims 22, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacovone et al. (U.S. Patent Application 2202/0109712) in view of Rodman et al. (U.S. Patent Application 2002/0103864). The Examiner asserts that the combination of Yacovone and Rodman teaches "writing each sub-directory in the hierarchy into network repository as part of a cascading menu for the display file. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's assertions.

Yacovone describes a system for composing an audio-visual presentation over a communications network includes a composer system having a computer processor and associated memory and a telephone device, the composer system having a presentation containing at least one visual slide stored in the memory, and a host system including a computer processor and associated memory. The Figure 5 in Yacovone is a schematic diagram showing the functions associated with each of the keys of the telephone keypad.

Although this figure shows a menu, Yacovone does not teach, described or suggest any cascading sub-folder display.

Rodman descries a system and method for initiating and conducting a data conference between a plurality of conference endpoints linked in communication by a private or public computer network. Although Rodman does discuss loading transmitted conference data files to the local and remote conference endpoints, Rodman does not teach, discuss or mention writing sub-folders in the hierarchy into the network repository as part of a cascading menu for a display file.

In both references, the locations cited by the Examiner do not describe the features of the present invention.

In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, there has to be a suggestion or teaching to modify (combine) the references. If there is no teaching, there is no pima facia case for obviousness. In the present case, there is no teaching or suggestion to combine the cited references Yacovone and Rodman to produce the Applicants' present invention. Further, because neither reference cites the feature of "a program that generates a cascading menu containing the folders, directories and graphical displays in the network repository" Applicants suggest that a combination of the cited references would not produce the Applicants' present invention.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the art of record (alone or in combination) teaches, discloses or even suggests the invention as recited in each of Applicant's claims. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 9-10, 12-17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacovone (Patent Application 2002/0109712) in view of Rodman (Patent Application 2002/0103864) and further in view of Ozaki (Patent Application 5,991,798). Applicants respectively traverse the Examiner's assertions.

With regard to claims 9 and 19, the Examiner asserts that in Yacovone, the step wherein tracking components record how many slides are in a presentation is equivalent to the Applicant's step of determining the number of sub-folders in the hierarchy. The
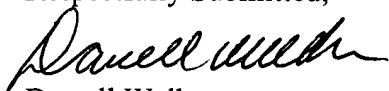
Examiner is confusing sub-directories with presentation slides. Figure 5 of Applicants' invention shows sub-directories. The lowest level is a subdirectory containing sets of presentation slides. Therefore, Applicants submit that these steps are not equivalent as asserted by the Examiner. Applicants have incorporated this limitation into claims 1 and 13.

Again, in order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, there has to be a suggestion or teaching to modify (combine) the references. If there is no teaching, there is no pima facia case for obviousness. In the present case, the step of tracking components recording how many slides in a presentation is not equivalent to the step in Applicants' present invention of determining the number of sub-folders in the hierarchy. Applicants further assert that since neither Yacovone nor Rodman describe the step of determining sub-folders. Therefore a combination of the cited references would not produce the present invention.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the art of record (alone or in combination) teaches, discloses or even suggests the invention as recited in each of Applicant's claims. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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